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command, and the detention and disinfection of incoming ships and passengers will be carried on at that place. However, the steam chambers at the station are entirely too small for the work that will be required, and the large ones, already ordered through the Bureau, will be a valuable improvement.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTE RICO.

Report from San Juan.

SAN JUAN, P. R., October 20, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of inspection of immigrants arriving at this port during the month of September, 1901:

Total number of immigrants inspected, 54; number passed, 53; number certified for deportation on account of dangerous contagious or loathsome diseases, or for other physical causes, 1.

Disposition of immigrants certified for deportation.—Number of cases pending at beginning of month, none; number of cases certified for deportation during month, 1; number cases deported, none; number of cases admitted, 1.

The cause of the rejection of this immigrant was old age and chronic malaria. He was permitted to land here by the United States inspector of immigrants upon satisfactory bond given by the Spanish consul, pending his deportation to Spain.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., October 21, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health for the week ended October 19, 1901, also the mortality report of the city for the month of September, 1901.

During the week 6 vessels were inspected, of which 3 were passed and the following 3 were held in quarantine, transacting their business under guard and sailing on the same day. On the 14th, the German steamship *Valesia*, from Hamburg via Grensby, Havre, St. Thomas, Puerto Plata, La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, and Sanchez. No passengers nor cargo for Ponce. On the 17th, the Spanish steamship *Ciudad de Cadiz*, from Havana, via Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra. Seven passengers from La Guayra were permitted to land. On the 17th, were disinfected 18 pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail from Santo Domingo and Hayti via the French steamship *St. Domingue*. She was not held in quarantine. On the 19th the provincial flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana via Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Macoris. Ninety-nine passengers were landed, non-

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immunes from Cuba being detained on board for detention in San Juan. Forty pieces of baggage and 2 sacks of mail from Santo Domingo were disinfected, and 55 pieces from Cuba were inspected and passed. Three bills of health were issued during the week.

The sanitary condition of Ponce remains about the same. A large number of cases of la grippe are reported; a few are genuine cases of influenza, but the greater part are bad "colds" or catarrh, due to the warm days and cool nights and rainy weather.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of September, 1901.

Diseases of—		Drowning	1
Digestive system	37	Wounds.....	2
Respiratory system.....	9	Retention of urine.....	1
Circulatory system	4	Rhachitis.....	3
Nervous system.....	3	Senile cachexiæ.....	4
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....	12	Cancer of tongue.....	1
Malaria	7	Tetanus, infantile	2
Tuberculosis.....	10	Eclampsia..	2
Hepatitis.....	2		
Hepatic cirrosis.....	1	Total.....	101
Number of deaths reported during September, 1901 (a).....			101
Number of deaths reported during September, 1900 (a).....			500
Number of births reported during September, 1901 (a).....			105
Number of births reported during September, 1900 (a).....			87

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended October 19, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., *October 21, 1901.*

SIR : Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 19, 1901 :

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Oct. 17	French steamship St. Domingue	Port au Prince, Petit Goaive, Jeremie, Aux Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez.	2
Do.....	Spanish steamship Ciudad de Cadiz..	Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra.	3
Oct. 19	Provisional flag steamship Julia.	Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, San- tiago, Santo Domingo, and Macoris.	1
	Total		6

Respectfully,

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